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Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: Senate Labor and Human Relations Committee
Reports Out S. 1815, Polygraph Legislation

1. On 25 June 1986, the Senate Labor and Human Relations Committee voted to report out S. 1815, the "Polygraph Protection Act of 1986", as introduced with no amendments.

2. In its regularly scheduled session at 10:30 a.m., the Committee was unable to secure the attendance of the nine members necessary to insure that cloture could be invoked against any potential filibuster of the bill. Accordingly, the Chairman adjourned the regular meeting and reconvened it later in a Senate cloakroom where a sufficient number of Members being present, the vote to report out the bill was taken.

3. The next step for the bill would be Senate floor action. After the Committee vote, counsel to the Committee repeated previous statements that Committee Chairman Hatch planned now to work informally with all interested Senators to modify the bill before it is brought to the Senate floor. Counsel repeated assurances that one of the modifications to be made would be the inclusion of the "national security exception" amendment previously presented to and agreed upon by counsel on behalf of the Chairman. This amendment would take the place of the exception for Department of Defense contractors in the version of the bill as reported out by the Committee.

4. This Office will continue to monitor the bill's progress and work with the Committee and other interested parties to insure that the above amendment is included in the final version of the bill as passed by the Senate.

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